

Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a):

(a) The term *individual* means a living person who is either a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

(b) The term *maintain* includes maintain, collect, use or disseminate.

(c) The term *record* means any item, collection, or grouping of information about an individual including, but not limited to, education, financial transactions, medical history, and criminal or employment history, and that contains a name, or the identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as a finger or voice print or a photograph.

(d) The term *system of records* means a group of any records from which information is retrieved by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol or other identifying particular assigned to the individual.

(e) The term *system manager* means the NASA official who is responsible for a system of records as designated in the system notice of that system of records published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. When a system of records includes portions located at more than one NASA Installation, the term *system manager* includes any subsystem manager designated in the system notice as being responsible for that portion of the system of records located at the respective Installation.

(f) The term *systems notice* means, with respect to a system of records the publication of information in the FEDERAL REGISTER upon establishment or revision of the existence and character of the system of records. The notice shall include that information as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4).

(g) The term *routine use* means, with respect to the disclosure of a record, the use of the record for a purpose which is compatible with the purpose for which it was collected.

(h) The term *NASA employee* or *NASA official*, particularly for the purpose of § 1212.203(g) related to the disclosure of a record to those who have a need for the record in the performance of their official duties, includes employees of a NASA contractor which operates or

maintains a NASA system of records for or on behalf of NASA.

(i) The term *NASA information center* refers to information centers established to facilitate public access to NASA records under part 1206 of this chapter. See § 1206.401 of this chapter for the address of each NASA information center.

Subpart 1212.2—Access to Records

§ 1212.200 Determining existence of records subject to the Privacy Act.

The procedures outlined in this subpart 1212.2 apply to the following types of requests under the Privacy Act made by individuals concerning records about themselves:

(a) To determine if information on the requester is included in a system of records;

(b) For access to a record; and

(c) For an accounting of disclosures of the individual's Privacy Act records.

§ 1212.201 Requesting a record.

(a) Individuals may request access to their Privacy Act records, either in person or in writing.

(b) Individuals may also authorize a third party to have access to their Privacy Act records. This authorization shall be in writing, signed by the individual and contain the individual's address as well as the name and address of the representative being authorized access. The identities of both the subject individual and the representative must be verified in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 1212.202 of this part.

(c)(1) Requests must be directed to the appropriate system manager, or, if unknown, to the NASA Headquarters or Field Installation Information Center. The request should be identified clearly on the envelope and on the letter as a "Request Under the Privacy Act."

(2) Where possible, requests should contain the following information to ensure timely processing:

(i) Name and address of subject.

(ii) Identity of the system of records.

(iii) Nature of the request.